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What Happened To the Conventions?

D.R. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of Chicago university chapel, will be heard by Nebraska students at a convocation to be held in the Temple next Tuesday. One of a very few, the convocation is being held under the auspices of the University Religious Welfare Council.

This one, similar to other convocations held earlier in the school year, is not a part of the regular university convocation series. The first such affair sponsored by the university itself will be held in February. The other one, which completes the regular university convocations for the year, will be held late in March according to tentative plans.

Another necessary item eliminated from the campus extra-curricular life, the regular convocation has been reduced almost to the point of total extinction for lack of money. Previous to the dramatic curtailment of funds by the legislature, all-university convocations, usually numbering about six a year, were held at regular intervals on the campus. Occasionally they brought to the university faculty and students outstanding personalities of national and international fame.

For the most part, however, the typical convocation was characterized by mediocrity. Subjects discussed at these regular convocations were often none too illuminating and interesting, but even so, the situation was not as bad as it is this year.

A series of lectures or convocation programs can be of value, and scores of important educational institutions over the country recognize this portion of the student's extra-curricular life as a vital and necessary feature. Examination of the free lecture schedules at other schools is enough to make the Nebraska student green with envy. The caliber of speakers engaged at neighboring midwestern schools is consistently good, while at Nebraska—except for the ever-present religionists—there have been none at all.

There is a crying need for an adequate convocation program at Nebraska. All too little opportunity is given students to catch a glimpse of the world as it can be visualized by informed convocations speakers. Steps should be taken to restore this important item to the students.

It Would Quiet

THE Critics.
THEN there is the university not far from here that requires fraternities to maintain a certain

scholastic average in order to pledge new members. An that's an excellent plan, we say, for it places responsibility upon activities as well as pledges of the organization.

Under the present Nebraska system of operation no average is demanded of a fraternity man except the seventy-two which he must make before he can be initiated. Scholarship committees supposedly function in every group, but the effectiveness of their work is dubious to say the least. With an all-fraternity average scarcely above 70, fraternities have a heavy burden of proof to sustain in scholastic matters.

Pledges slave to make their averages and then relax once they are initiated and become upperclassmen. Unless they have Phi Beta Kappa aspirations they see no reason to exert themselves, except to acquire one of the Interfraternity council's numerous plaques.

But if men knew that the very existence of their fraternity depended upon whether or not they had satisfactory averages, they would very likely take the matter seriously. It might take them one semester to learn the tragedy of not taking in new men, but after that there would be no trouble. Things which hurt pocketbooks as well as pride are powerful combinations.

Were this new system to be perfected women might equally well be required to come under the restrictions. They, too, would have to keep their grades up to a set figure in order to pledge new members. In sororities as in fraternities, it seems, there is a tendency for women to take the "Why bother" attitude after they have made their averages.

Since sororities require an 80 average for initiation, that should be the figure set for the group average. In the case of fraternities one meets with a different problem, it is the low 72 average that causes criticism of the Greeks. A committee from the Interfraternity council would be the most logical body to set an arbitrary figure. Each fraternity would be under the same regulations.

Such a revolutionary system would, doubtless, meet with considerable criticism on its own account. Greek undergraduate groups would storm and alumni clubs would fear for the future of their fraternities. There would, on the other hand, be shouts of praise in other quarters. Many who have long advocated the abolition of social fraternities would feel they might really have a worthwhile purpose.

Such a plan would, of course, have to be worked out over a period of years. It would have to give organizations a chance to weed out men and women whose scholarship is constantly low. It is a plan, however, which merits consideration, for it is actually working. It will probably remain merely a question for discussion, but that doesn't detract from the merits of the plan itself.

"I Wish I Had—"

Grandchildren are a good way in the future for most college students, but how will you feel if you can't show the little darlings the record of your college years? (Cornhusker advt.) The harvest of lethargy now will be regret in years to come if opportunities to include your picture among those in the yearbook's pages are not used.

Get your pictures taken now; get your pictures taken NOW. The time is growing short and it will soon be too late. Again we chant: Pictures should be taken soon.

This is hardly a new appeal, but it is being made again because we feel students will gain real satisfaction in the future by seeing their own and their classmates' pictures in the annual.

Frankly now, why don't you get it done?
What this country REALLY needs is an everlasting bankroll and serge suits that won't get shiny.

+ Contemporary Comment +

The Greeks Have A Word For It.

If there ever was a time in which college students must depend on their own common sense, discretion or feeling of social responsibility, it is now. If the intelligentsia of the nation are to remain so, they must pick themselves up from floundering about in an era of alcoholic dissipation, and make for themselves a new code.

Mob-spirit prevails in American colleges and universities shortly after the prohibition amendment went into effect—some fourteen years ago. The students felt their liberty trampled upon. Likely, they had never before felt the urge to indulge their bibulous capacities; yet, because liquor was totally forbidden, it grew most attractive.

Anything smacking of alcohol—be it the vilest of gins that had to be poured down while holding one's nose—was intriguing to those of college age. It was forbidden; therefore, it was delightful! The abstainer was socially obnoxious; how could he be in such a cad?

And so—the children got what they craved. Flasks no longer have to go lurking in hip pockets. But may be brought forth in the light of day and their contents consumed with nary a reproach. Incidentally, now that the pleasure of imbibing forbidden spirits no longer remains, people are beginning to eye the contents of those very flasks rather critically. "Boot-leg gin" has already fallen into disrepute. Thus, those who drank not for the sake of drinking, as of yore, no longer indulge so freely. It is no longer the smart thing to do. Moreover, it is generally true that those who "know their liquor" drink it sparingly. Their mood is changed, and they recognize that now is the time for moderation; temperance instead of excess.

The test of the individual is here. Let the college student prove himself a true gentleman by abiding by the maxim of the ancient Greeks: "Nothing in excess."

—DAILY TROJAN.

For Nebraska: A Coat of Paint.

Glad tidings were those yesterday that the University civil works program, which includes the immediate completion of the Union building as its principal project, will get into full swing early next week. The Union building during its short period of use has become a vital force in the everyday life of the University and the only handicap toward a fuller utilization of it has been the fact that parts of it were unfinished.

Plans for the building's completion, which call for a total expenditure of \$32,000 approved recently by the State civil works committee, provide for the finishing of the sixth and seventh floors of the structure, and the remodeling of the third floor to house permanent student organizations. A sub-basement which will be used as a co-operative cafeteria and the improvement of the acoustics of Alumni hall also are included.

Improvements also are to be made to campus drives and paths, and in other University buildings. In order that the project can be completed as speedily as possible,

the work will be pushed night and day.

The necessity of the Union building improvements is obvious, since they will enhance the value of the building as the center of student activities. In addition, the building has been taxed to capacity on days when there were many out-of-town visitors in Bloomington for athletic contests, conventions and similar events. The completion of additional rooms will enable the University the better to provide the facilities demanded of it. Much credit is due the officials in charge of the program for the speed with which the project has been planned, approved and hurried to an early start.

—INDIANA DAILY STUDENT.

Wanted: A Definition.

Despite efforts of university officials in various schools to ram compulsory drill down the throats of unwilling students, undergraduate opinion continues to smolder and to flare out in sporadic outbursts against the policy. Recently 15 students were exempted from military drill at Ohio State University on the plea of conscientious objections to being trained in methods of warfare, while 16 others who refused to attend drill after being denied exemption, are now faced with expulsion. Other colleges throughout the country are beginning to recognize the opinion of conscientious objectors, for many have established a policy of exemption or substitution of other courses in cases of sincere objection.

Although the University of Minnesota has been noted for many years for its liberalism in academic and educational policy, its attitude of uncompromising insistence on compulsory drill has been consistently maintained. Last quarter, however, after President Coffman had established a precedent by permitting one student to substitute physical education for drill, a faculty committee was appointed to investigate the whole matter of military training and opposition to it at the university.

In case the university adopts a policy of exempting sincere conscientious objectors, the problem of an adequate definition of conscientious objection to military drill arises. Such a definition would have to be broad enough to include all students with moral objections to the principle of training in warfare, as well as strict enough to exclude those who might regard it as an easy way of weaseling out of an irksome duty.

The capital difficulty of the whole problem would then arise in administering the definition. As a matter of fact, the only way of determining whether or not a student is sincere in claiming conscientious objection is by accepting the student's own affirmation. In other words, every case must necessarily be treated on its own merits. If the administration wishes to be fair to the student body and at the same time true to its own general policy, it will abandon its present dilatory tactics and make an earnest effort to solve this persistent and vexing problem.

be nothing but an advantage to them.

For nearly a year a committee of the student council has been placing the facts about the tax together, getting them ready to present to the students and to the board of regents. They have been published and will be kept before the student group until the final outcome is known. It is the ardent hope of this writer that the board of regents will view the plan with its mind on the several advantages it offers. The student union building idea alone is worth more than we at Nebraska, who have always been without one, can say.

Here is one student who is going to vote for the plan, as I am sure that the majority of students will do. When you pay your fees this month cast your vote on the tax plan. If you conscientiously cannot vote for it, then vote as you please, but guard against voting against it unless you really feel that a student union building would not be a fine thing, that the loyal and majority support of the publications and athletic contests would not be desirable.—ONE VOTE "YES."

Use of any proceeds which Columbia may derive from the Rose bowl game with Stanford in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's day should be used to build an intramural athletic field, to buy uniforms for the band, or for scholarships, in the opinion of the Columbia Student Board.

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The Student Pulse

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One Vote Yes.

TO THE EDITOR:
It will be but two weeks until the time for the students to cast their votes for the student activities tax plan will be at hand. It is to be done at the time of the completion of registration for the second semester of this year. An opportune time for the consideration of this important question and a time when, it is the belief of those "in the know" about the plan, the students will let it be known that such a plan is desired.

As a matter of review, just to make sure that there be no misunderstandings, let's take a peek at it once more. If adopted (and the student vote is just one step in its adoption) its execution will place the opportunity before those students who do support the many activities of the school, an opportunity to do so with the advantage of a smaller expense, one of the main purposes of the idea. On the other hand it will insure student support of the publications, the athletic contests and start a fund for the purpose of erecting a student union building.

In turning over the possibilities of the plan there seems to be one main objection—that many students would be put to task to "stick in" the extra amount for the tax, since its nature would make it a compulsory tax. It has been pointed out that many of those who do not support the student activities do not because the expense is prohibitive, and not that they do not care to. The tax should favor this group of students inasmuch as it will bring about a very favorable reduction in the price if these activities which would be included and that group embraces the major activities.

There is little doubt that those who have been behind the traditional activities will favor the tax, practically 100 percent, since it can

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

THE PAGEANTRY CLASS

Four long months away is the day for the 1933 Farmers' Fair, the day that Ag college students invite the public to come and see the kind and quality of their work. But four months is not too long a time if the spectacle at Farmers' Fair is to be up to the quality of previous fairs. Certainly it is not too long if the fair this year is to show improvement.

Just now the vital thing for consideration is the pageant. The reason it is vital at this particular time is that the major part of the Farmers' Fair pageant will be written in the Pageantry class offered in the home economics department.

Miss Bess Steele has personal charge of the class. It meets on Monday afternoons. Mostly girls take the course, but a number of boys have taken it. The point is that the success of the pageant depends in large measure on the enrollment in, and results produced by, the pageantry class.

If you are interested in the pageant, if you think you have, or might have, a good idea for an episode, then why not register for the pageantry class. That goes for both boys and girls. Of course, it only takes a few to actually write the pageant once it is conceived; but everyone can contribute suggestions. Moreover, when the time comes to start practicing, the ones who have helped with the fabrication of the pageant, who have learned all its ins and outs, will be the logical ones to get the position as episode directors.

AL'S CHORUS.

At an Organized Agriculture meeting one day last week, Ag students got a look at one of last year's seniors, Albert Ebers. Ebers and the Salem Male Chorus had come back to the campus to entertain Nebraska farm people attending the meetings.

It is deeply satisfying to contemplate Ebers' project out there in Salem community. There is perhaps not another just like it in this state—perhaps not in several states.

In Salem community, southwest of Seward, there are a number of farmers whose hair is not yet gray. They like to get together evenings and Sundays and sing. A fellow who knew how to direct vocal music worked in that community one year at harvest time. He organized the chorus. Albert Ebers has kept it going.

During the four years he was in college, Ebers went home every Friday night for chorus rehearsal. That was no small amount of time and effort to give the project, when you consider that the rest of the week was overfilled with his

classes, activities, chorus rehearsals at the Westminster church, and what not. When Friday night comes around about 99 students out of every 100 want to lie around and gloriously do nothing. Perhaps Ebers did too, but he went home to chorus practice instead.

Out of college now and back on the farm, Ebers and the other 20 or more fellows in the chorus are making bigger plans than ever. They want to learn new songs, go new places, do new things. The men in the chorus feel that it is great fun. They enjoy getting together for an evening's singing. They also enjoy the contacts with new people and things when they go away for an engagement. The people in the community likewise enjoy the chorus. They too enjoy the singing; and it is, I'll wager, a source of satisfaction to them to know that their community has so unusual and interesting an organization.

HITCH-HIKERS.

Many a student on this University of Nebraska campus can tell colorful tales of hitchhiking experiences. And so can no small number of students on most any other campus. But in one respect every one of these tales will be alike, the student hitch-hiker used the symbol of the university to get travelers to stop.

Sometimes they carry a traveling bag plastered with stickers. Others dress collegiate, sweaters, balloon pants etc. Whatever the technique, the student hitch-hiker lets it be known that he is a student. And you may talk to people who pick up hitch-hikers, and they will usually tell you that it was because they knew the hikers were students.

That situation, common as it is, has its undesirable aspects. It is not exactly the function of the institution to serve as a label of approval for hitch-hikers. And looking at it from the students point of view, it is a little bit discouraging for a student to depend on his university affiliations to get him a ride. It is playing both upon the sympathies of automobile travelers and upon their confidence and faith is the suggestion that the hiker is a university man.

And that is just where one of the

most undesirable features of the practice appears. Anyone can buy university stickers or wear a sweater with a big letter on the front. The use of university stickers would be an excellent way for big bad men to get simple and trusting drivers to stop out on some lonely road.

RIFLE PRACTICE STARTS; REPORT LARGE CLASSES

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McGimsey for men, has been opened to women. Anybody who comes out consistently for firing and makes a score of ninety-two is entitled to belong and wear the emblem. Members will be given preference in guns and instruction.

Following are Nebraska's scheduled telegraphic meets for the season:
Feb. 16 University of Maryland and Penn State colleges.
Feb. 17 University of Nevada and University of Washington.
Feb. 24 University of South Dakota and Northwestern.
March 3 University of Montana, Vermont, and Cornell university.
March 17 University of Michigan.
March 21 University of Wichita, Kansas State college, and University of Kansas.
April 7 Washington university.

Social Pioneering Is Objective of Present Governmental Regime

AMES, Iowa, Jan. 11.—Social pioneering is the uppermost objective of the present administration at Washington, Miss Grace Fryinger, senior home economist in the United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Extension, said here Monday.

Miss Fryinger, who spoke before a meeting of resident and extension home economics staffs at Iowa State College said, "In all parts of the administration home economics women are being recognized and called upon to help in this social engineering."

"We must have faith to accept difficulties," she said, "knowing that good is coming out of this program, even though mistakes may be made."

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Vesper Choir Picture.

Cornhusker picture of the Vesper choir will be taken at the Campus studio at 12 o'clock Friday, Jan. 12. Marian Stamp, director, asks that all members of the choir be present.

Sophomore Commission.

Sophomore commission will meet Friday at 4 o'clock. The poetry of John Masfield will be discussed and a report will be given by Ada Fretz.

Scandinavian Club.

The Scandinavian Club will meet Monday, January 15, from 7 to 8 o'clock in room 203 of the Temple building. There will be a program of music and games.

Barb A. W. S. League.

The Barb A. W. S. League picture will be taken at the campus studio Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Professor Snedgren

Lectures at Meeting

Professor Alfred Snedgren, instructor in the German department, was speaker at a meeting of the German Round Table Thursday night at the Lindell hotel. Mr. Snedgren told of his experiences with the A. E. F. and the American army of occupation at Cobenz.

NAME NOMINEES

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THIS WEEK-END

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will be announced at a somewhat later date.

The election polls will be open from 9 to 5 o'clock on the afternoon scheduled for the affair. Miss Miller states that the elections are as a rule held in March but it is believed by the present officials that this year they will be able to become better acquainted with the work and purpose of the Y. W. C. A.

College World

In a recent number of the American Medical Journal statistics were quoted to show that the general health of college students was falling from the standards of some years ago. Research over a number of years revealed that students health grew worse during the years spent in school.

Women are invading the male professions at the University of Wisconsin where seventy-four of 121 students in the school of journalism are women; they also outnumber the men in the school of physical education and have made their debut in agriculture and chemical engineering.

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